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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY US DELEGATE CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR., IN EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY, GA PLENARY, EVENING OCTOBER 6:

MR. PRESIDENT, DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, YOU HAVE THE HONOR TO BE HERE REPRESENTING YOUR COUNTRIES. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HAD A LONG DAY. I KNOW THAT MANY WILL CONSIDER THAT AN EXTENDED SPEECH WOULD NECESSARILY BE AN IMPOSITION. THEREFORE, I ADVISE YOU IN ADVANCE THAT WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS NOT LONG. I WOULD HOPE TO STAY WITHIN THE LIMITATION OF TEN MUNITES WHICH IS WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO BE OUR RULE.

I WANT ALSO TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHAT I SAY IS NOT SAID SO MUCH IN ANGER OR RANCOR BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE HAD TOO MUCH OF THAT. WHAT I AM SAYING IS WITH THE HOPE THAT WE CAN SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT SO THAT THE WORLD AS IT LOOKS AT US WILL HAVE BOTH SIDES OF THE PROBLEM WHICH PROMPTS MY UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARANCE HERE.

I AM REPLYING ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE STATEMENTS MADE THIS MORNING BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF DAHOMEY.

I WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED DURING THAT INTERVENTION TO FIND THAT WHILE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WAS CRITICIZED FOR THINGS, HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING OUTSIDE THIS CHAMBER, THERE WAS NOT A WORD OF REPLY TO THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS OF JUNE 1974 CONCERNING THE DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UGANDANS IN THE COURSE OF THE AMIN REGIME. THIS REPORT, AND THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT ARE THE REALITY OF THE CONTROVERSY. I MIGHT SAY A MAN IS JUST AS DEAD IF HE IS KILLED BY A BLACK PERSON AS HE IS IF HE IS KILLED BY A WHITE PERSON.

IN OUR COUNTRY WE BELIEVE THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS SACRED. WE WISH ALWAYS TO PROTECT THAT RIGHT OF OUR OWN CITIZENS. WE ALSO WANT TO PROTECT IT FOR OUR VISITORS, WHETHER THEY BE HEADS OF MIGHTY STATES, WHETHER THEY BE REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW-BORN NATIONS, OR TOURISTS OR IMMIGRANTS WHO COME TO OUR COUNTRY. IN THAT SPIRIT WE LISTEN WITH RESPECT AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE RESPECTFUL ATTENTION, TO THE VIEWS OF ALL WHO SPEAK IN THIS CHAMBER, WHETHER OR NOT WE AGREE WITH THEM.

I HAVE BEEN HERE MYSELF SINCE EARLY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. I HAVE WALKED THESE AISLES. I HAVE SHAKEN HANDS WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SPOKEN, NOT ALWAYS BECAUSE I HAVE AGREED WITH THEM BUT BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY HAD THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD AND I WANTED TO ASSURE THEM BY A HAND SHAKE AND A LOOK INTO THEIR FACES THAT I WAS LISTENING.

WE ACCORDED THAT KIND OF RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT OF UGANDA. ON BEHALF OF MY COUNTRY, I PERSONALLY LISTENED FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF HIS PRESENTATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU. I ALSO LISTENED TO WHAT BEGAN ON PAGE 9 OF HIS PRINTED TEXT, WHICH I HAVE HERE WITH ME. IN ITEM 39, HE SAID THIS, AND I QUOTE, "I SHOULD NOW LIKE TO DISCUSS A FEW POINTS IN MY CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF UGANDA." WHAT HE SAID FROM THAT POINT ON CONTAINS MUCH THAT CONSTITUTES AN UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFRONT TO MILLIONS OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN OUR COUNTRY, AND MANY OF YOU WHO ARE HERE REPRESENT COUNTRIES WHO WERE WITH US, WE FOUGHT A LONG AND COSTLY WAR AGAINST ONE KIND OF RACISM. THAT RACISM HAD BEEN INFLICTED ON THE WORLD BY A DICTATOR WHO EXTERMINATED MILLIONS OF HUMANS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS OF WHAT HE CALLED THE MASTER RACE. PERHAPS IF WE HAD BEEN LESS COURTEOUS WITH THAT DICTATOR IN THE BEGINNING, IMMENSE

HUMAN SUFFERING AND LOSS WOULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF UGANDA, AND I EMPHASIZE NOT AS
CHAIRMAN OF OAU, PRESIDENT AMIN SAID ON PAGE 13, ITEM 50
OF HIS PRINTED TEXT, WHICH I HAVE HERE, AND I QUOTE,
"THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN COLONIZED BY THE ZIONISTS WHO
HOLD THE TOOLS OF DEVELOPMENT AND POWER. THEY OWN
VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE BANKING INSTITUTIONS, THE MAJOR
MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, THE MAJOR
MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, AND HAVE SO MUCH INFILTRATED THE
CIA THAT THEY HAVE PROVEN A GREAT THREAT TO THE NATIONS
AND THE PEOPLE WHO MAY BE OPPOSED TO THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT."
HE THEN SAID, "THEY HAVE TURNED THE CIA INTO A MURDER
SQUAD TO ELIMINATE ANY FORM OF JUST RESISTANCE ANYWHERE
IN THE WORLD." THAT IS THE END OF THE QUOTATION.

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FURTHER ON HE CALLED FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF THE STATE OF
ISRAEL, AND THERE IS ALSO A GRATUITOUS SUGGESTION TO THE
BLACKS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH
THEY SUFFER ARE OF THEIR OWN DOING AND THAT IF THEY WOULD
JUST STRAIGHTEN THEMSELVES OUT, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE THE
KINDS OF TROUBLES THAT THEY NOW SUFFER FROM.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN HIS REMARKS THIS MORNING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF DAHOMEY FURTHER COMPOUNDED THIS INSULTING AND LUDICROUS TYPE OF ADDRESS WITH THIS QUESTION, AND I QUOTE: HE SAID OF OUR LEADER OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES, "IS MOYNIHAN REPRESENTING ZIONISM OR THE UNITED STATES? IF HE IS REPRESENTING ZIONISM HE SHOULD GO TO ISRAEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." IT IS IRONIC THAT IN HIS VERY NEXT STATEMENT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF DAHOMEY APPEALED TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN TO ACT "IN A MORE RESPONSIBLE WAY." IT IS ALSO IRONIC THAT THE REMARKS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF DAHOMEY ARE IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE OAU ITSELF WHICH AT KAMPALA TOOK THE DECISION TO LOOK AT THE ISRAELI QUESTION IN A MODERATE RATHER THAN AN EXTREMIST WAY. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IN HIS SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH GAVE FULL CREDIT TO THE OAU FOR THIS WISE DECISION.

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AND I SAY WITH ALL THE SINCERITY THAT I CAN COMMAND I THANK THE OAU FOR WHATEVER IT HAS DONE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO BRING MODERATION INTO THIS TROUBLESOME QUESTION.

THE FACT IS THAT PRESIDENT AMIN'S WORDS ARE THE KIND THAT HAVE BEEN USED THROUGH THE CENTURIES TO PERSECUTE MINORITIES, PARTICULARLY THE JEWS. USUALLY, SUCH WORDS ARE PRECEDED BY SUCH UTTERANCES AS "I LIKE THE JEWS," OR "SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE BLACK." AS WE FIND AT THE BEGINNING OF ITEM 52 ON PAGE 13 OF PRESIDENT AMIN'S SPEECH, THIS IS ALSO THE TECHNIQUE THAT HE USED. BUT WE IN OUR COUNTRY ARE NOT DECEIVED BY FAIR-SOUNDING LANGUAGE THAT IS USED TO MASK RHETORIC THAT SOWS THE SEEDS OF HATE. WE WILL RAISE OUR VOICES AGAINST AN ATTACK ON ANY OF OUR PEOPLE, ANY ASSAULT ON ANY SEGMENT OF US IS AN ATTACK ON ALL OF US. WE ARE ONE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. WHEN WE ARE ASSAILED WITH CRUEL AND DEGRADING WORDS, WE FEEL AND WE ARE FREE TO EXPRESS OUR INDIGNATION. THAT IS WHAT HAS TO BE DONE. IT IS MY PERSONAL VIEW THAT THIS IS AN OCCASION FOR PRIDE, AND NOT FOR APOLOGIES. WE WILL RAISE OUR VOICES NOT ONLY IN THE DEFENSE OF THE JEWS BUT WE WILL RAISE OUR VOICES IN DEFENSE OF THE ARABS WHO ARE DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS IN OUR LAND. WE WILL RAISE OUR VOICES IN THE DEFENSE OF PERSONS OF ASIAN ANCESTRY AND WE WILL EVEN RAISE OUR VOICES IN THE DEFENSE OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE DO NOT AGREE POLITICALLY WHEN THEY ARE ATTACKED UNFAIRLY.

MR. PRESIDENT, DURING THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THE UNITED STATES OFFERED A PLAN FOR PARTNERSHIP. THROUGH HARD WORK AND NEGOTIATION THAT SESSION WAS A SUCCESS. AND WE THOUGHT, I STILL BELIEVE, MY COUNTRY STILL BELIEVES, THAT WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO BUILDING A PARTNERSHIP

IN THIS WORLD. THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR REAL WORK.

WE NOW HAVE A CHOICE: WE CAN CONTINUE OUR ARGUMENTS ABOUT
PRESIDENT AMIN OR OTHERS WHO MAY SAY SIMILAR THINGS, OR WE
CAN TURN, MR. PRESIDENT AND DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS OF THE
WORLD WHO ARE HERE TO THE REAL PROBLEM AT HAND --
IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF THE WORLD'S
POPULATION, RELIEVING CHILDREN OF THE PANGS OF HUNGER,
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PLACING A ROOF OVER THE HEADS OF THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF
HOMES, ASSURING THAT TALENT IS NOT WASTED BECAUSE WE GIVE
TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN.
AND ABOVE ALL TALKING IN A SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE REASON
SO THAT WE DO NOT END UP AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS BUT
RATHER AS MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL, TALKING ABOUT OUR
DIFFERENCES. SURELY WE MAY NOT ALWAYS AGREE BUT IF WE
ARE ALWAYS RATIONAL, IF WE ARE ALWAYS FAIR, IF WE ARE ALWAYS
WILLING TO LISTEN AND NOT AS SOME MAY DO AND WALK OUT IN
PIQUE RATHER THAN EVEN LISTEN, IF WE DO THESE THINGS I
BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN THIS PERIOD
OF HUMAN HISTORY TO BEGIN BUILDING A WORLD WHICH WE HAVE
ALWAYS DREAMED WE COULD HAVE WHICH WOULD REFLECT AS THIS
GREAT CHAMBER REFLECTS THE HUES OF MANKIND, THE POLITICAL
BELIEFS OF MANKIND, AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE MADE
THIS WORLD A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD
SOMETHING WHICH MAY NOT BE CLOSE TO PARADISE BUT WILL BE
FAR BETTER THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE DONE BEFORE.
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